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In re Application of)
Rickey D. Clark)
Application No. 09/997,874)
Filed: November 30, 2001)
For: AUTHENTICATING CREDIT CARDS)
TRANSACTIONS)

DECISION ON REQUEST TO
WITHDRAW FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the request to withdraw as attorney of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36, filed April 14, 2003, via facsimile transmission.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney of record must be signed by every attorney seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. A request to withdraw will not be approved unless at least 30 (thirty) days would remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file a response or the expiration date of the maximum time period which can be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

The request was signed by Timothy N. Trop on behalf of all attorneys of record, Customer No. 21906. Currently, the three-month shortened statutory period for filing a response to the Office action mailed March 19, 2003, continues to run and expires June 19, 2003. Extensions of this time period are governed by 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a).

The request is APPROVED.

Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time. The correspondence address of record has been changed and the new correspondence address is the address indicated below.

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All future communications from the Office will be directed to the below-listed address of the inventor until otherwise notified by applicant.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hien H. Phan", is written over a horizontal line.

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